

Cape Ann Pandemic Flu Preparedness Essex, Gloucester, Manchester & Rockport

Goals for Today

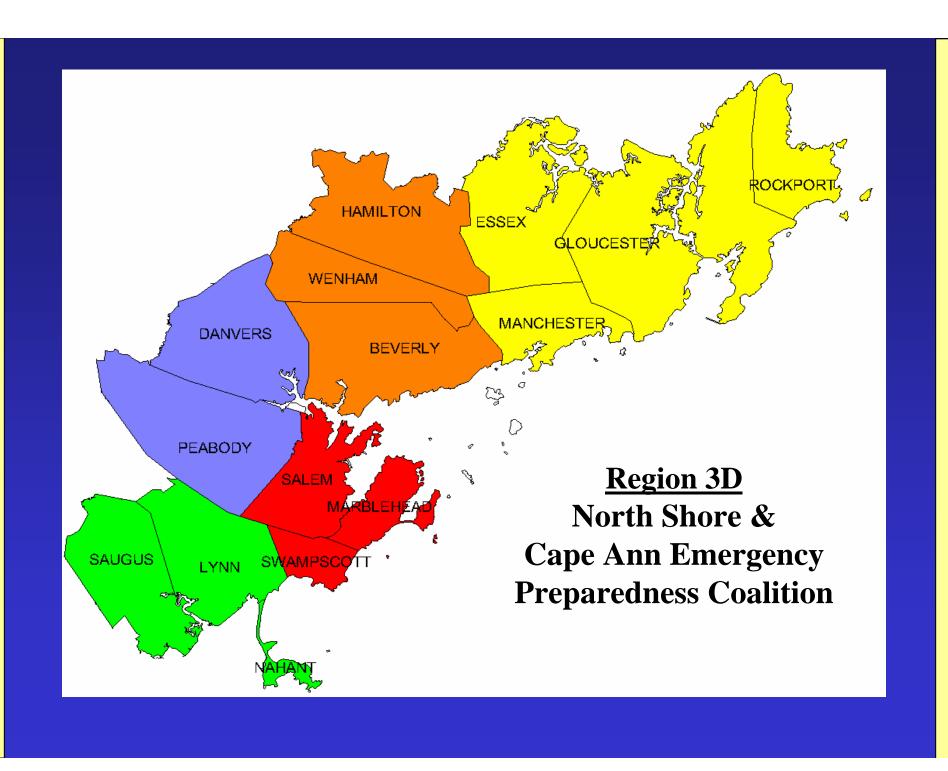


- Pandemic Flu as a Cape Ann problem
- Develop a strong <u>collaborative</u> effort with Addison Gilbert Hospital (AGH)
- How 4 communities can combine scarce resources/assets to approach this public health problem
- Use pandemic planning to pave the way toward all <u>hazard preparation</u>

"During a pandemic-no one is coming down 128"

Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Cape Ann Emergency Team is to plan & work together within & between the 4 communities of Cape Ann to develop, locate, secure, & deliver in a coordinated manner all necessary emergency responses & services in the face of any community emergency including but <u>not limited</u> to pandemic influenza.



Comparison of Pandemic Numbers in Massachusetts

	1957 &	MDPH	1918- Like
	1968 - Like	Surge	
		Planning	
Number ill	2 Million	2 Million	2 Million
	(30%)	(30%)	(30%)
Hospitalizations	20,000	80,000	220,000
	(1%)	(4%)	(11%)
Deaths	4,600	20,000	42,000
	(0.23%)	(1%)	(2.1%)

Planning Impact of Pandemic on Cape Ann

- Total population: 47,157
- # w/flu during pandemic (30%): 14,147
- # seeking outpatient care (50%): 7,074
- # admitted to AGH (4%): 566
- Peak weekly # requiring Hosp.(14.5%): 82
- Peak daily admissions (2.69%): 17
- # to die total (1%): 141

MDPH: Lisa Stone via Phil Stoner

What we have done

- Created basic written plans in all 4 Communities
- Avian Flu presentations
 - City Managers
 - City Council
 - Cape Ann Cable
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Rotary
 - Town Selectmen

- Expanded efforts to develop Pandemic Workgroups
 - Care Delivery
 - Public Education
 - Continuity of Operations
 - Communications
 - Mental Health CrisisTeam

Recruiting/training Volunteers

- Gloucester recruited 150 Medical volunteers
- Trainings to date:
 - Behavior Health (1)
 - Avian Flu (2)
 - Emergency Dispensing (2)
 - ICS 100 & 700
 - ICS 200: 29 trained
 - Bioterrorism agents (1)
 - Mass Dispensing Clinics: Smallpox vaccine Cert.
- Trainings rotate sites to all 4 communities
- ICS practiced during 2 largest flu clinics

Care Delivery Workgroup

- Scope:
 - Hospital Care
 - Influenza SpecialCare Unit (ISCU)
 - Triage
 - Individual treatment
 - Essential (nonpandemic) MedicalCare

Members:

- Health directors
- EMS
- Hospital staff
- Local Physicians
- Visiting Nurses
 Association
- Long term care
- Infection control
- Public safety

Care Delivery Workgroup (continued)

- Local Screening Sites:
 - Gloucester, Rockport, & Essex/Manchester
- Licensing Cape Ann ISCU --Gloucester High School: meet w/
 building inspector
- Developing a floor plan for ISCU
- Triage Center --- Gloucester High School

Public Education Workgroup:



- Scope:
 - CommunityEducation
 - SpecialPopulations
 - VolunteerRecruitment
 - VolunteerTraining

Members:

- PH & School Nurses
- School admin
- Public Safety
- Senior Services
- Mental Health Providers
- Translators
- Shelters
- Service Providers for the Disabled
- Day Care Providers

Continuity of Operations Workgroup:

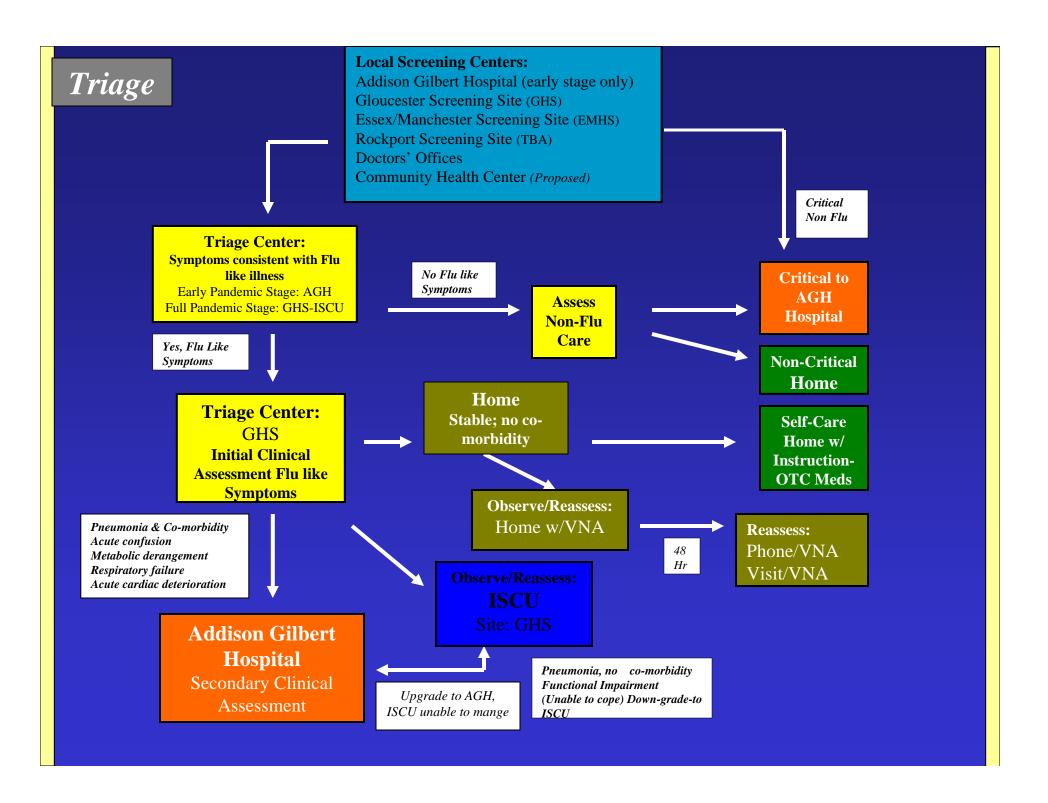
- Scope (meetings held with the following):
 - Funeral Parlors
 - Drug Stores
 - Municipal Water
 - Across Cape Ann
 - Municipal Sewer
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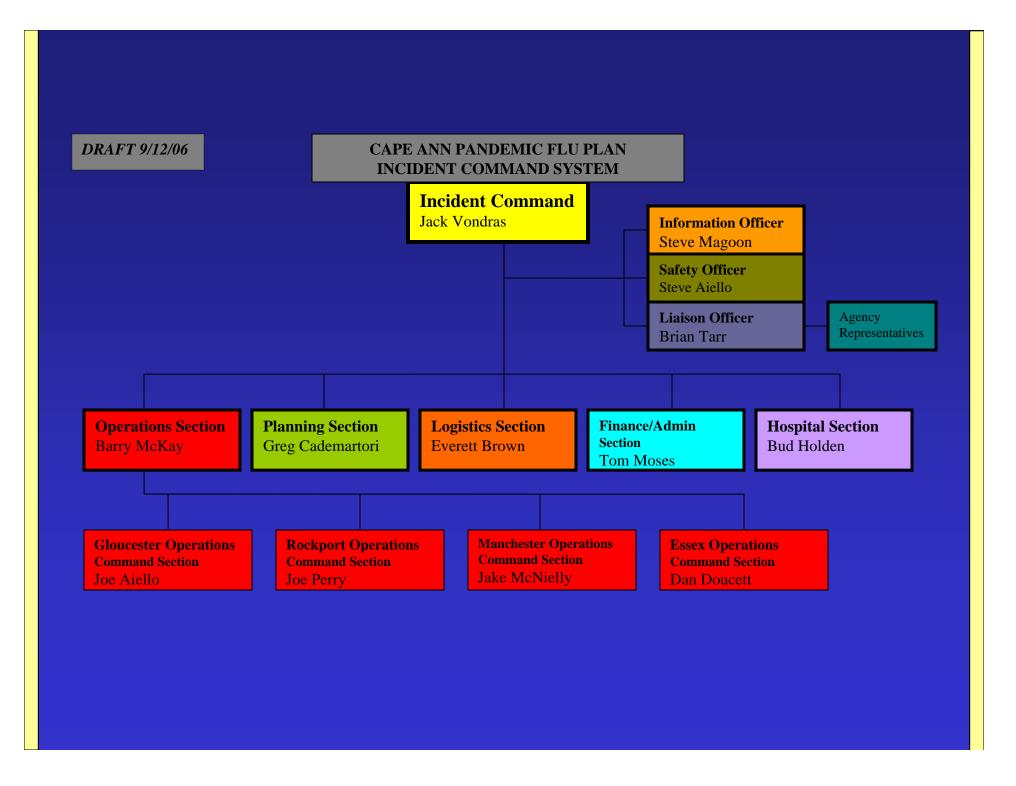
- Grocery Stores
- Red Cross
- Cape Ann HamRadio Operators
- City Solicitor
- Verizon
- National Grid



Mental Health Crisis Team

- 2 local Social Workers attended the Mass. Behavioral Health Disaster Responder training
- MH volunteers
 - 14 Licensed Psychologists
 - 2 Educational Psychologists
 - 5 Marriage & Family Therapists
 - 20 Mental Health Counselor
 - 2 rehabilitation Therapists
 - 0 Licensed Social Workers: Doing outreach now





Cape Ann Coordination

- Coordinate all local assets at the top level of the four communities
- Concern about duplication or over extension of services (i.e., Local triage)
- Multi-tiered approach to information released to public and media

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